

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
ORLANDO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JAMES LAPIN

CASE NO. 6:20-cr-89-ORL-37LRH  
18 U.S.C. § 115  
18 U.S.C. § 875

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

On or about December 20, 2019, in the Middle District of Florida, and  
elsewhere, the defendant,

**JAMES LAPIN,**

did knowingly threaten to assault and murder an elected Representative of the  
United States House of Representatives (referred to herein as the "Member of  
Congress"), with intent to intimidate the Member of Congress while the  
Member of Congress was engaged in the performance of that Member's  
official duties and with intent to retaliate against the Member of Congress on  
account of the performance of that Member's official duties.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B).

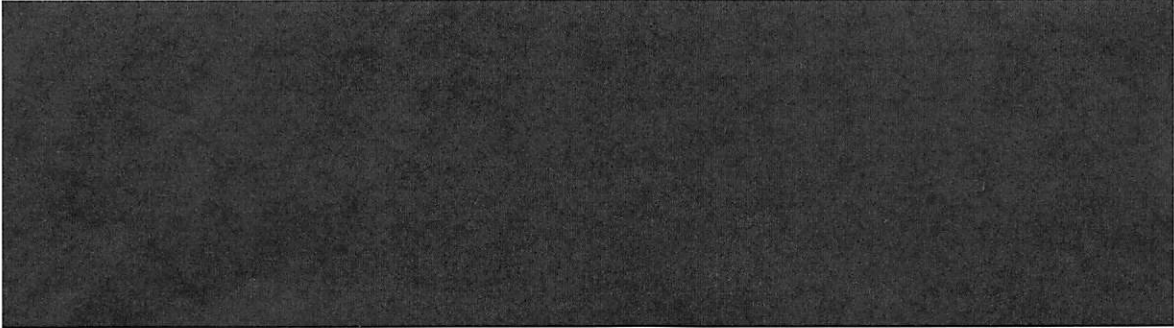
**COUNT TWO**

On or about December 20, 2019, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**JAMES LAPIN,**

did knowingly and for the purpose of issuing a threat and with knowledge that the communication would be viewed as a threat, transmit in interstate commerce from the State of Florida to the District of Columbia, a communication to the District of Columbia Office of an elected Representative of the United States House of Representatives (referred to herein as the “Member of Congress”), and the communication contained a threat to injure the Member of Congress, specifically indicating that the Member of Congress needed to wear a “bullet proof [vest]” and that Member of Congress would be “dead.”

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c).



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